

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

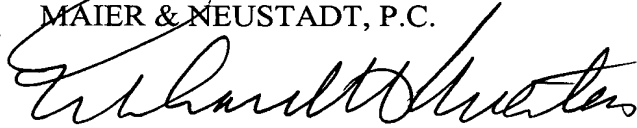
Claims 1-5, 7-23, and 26-44 are presently pending in this application with Claims 1-4, 8, 14, 19-23, and 26-44 being active, Claims 3, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31 having been amended by the present supplemental amendment, Claims 6, 24, and 25 having been previously canceled and Claims 5, 7, 9-13, and 15-18 having previously been withdrawn from consideration as directed to a non-elected invention.

The amendments to Claims 3, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31 are for the purpose of conforming the language of these claims in regard to the "holes" recited therein to the recitation of "holes" in Claim 1. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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